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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY QUITO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS

SUBJECT: OAS SECRETARY GENERAL RACE: POSSIBLE PASTRANA
CANDIDACY

REF: (A) QUITO 6138 (B) BOGOTA 8059 (NOTAL)

(C) STATE 198402

1. FOR QUITO: YOU SHOULD TELL ARANGO THAT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT HAS NOT COMMITTED ITSELF TO ANY OF THE CANDI-
DATES SO FAR AND IS NOT LIKELY TO DO SO IN THE NEXT COUPLE
OF MONTHS, UNLESS ONE OF THE CANDIDATES SHOULD GAIN A CLEAR
MAJORITY IN THE MEANTIME. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE WELCOME
GOOD CANDIDATES SUCH AS PASTRANA, BUT COULD NOT COMMIT
OURSELVES TO ANY CANDIDATE AT THIS TIME.

2. FOR BOGOTA: OUR INFORMATION HAS BEEN THAT COLOMBIA
WAS INTERESTED IN THE IDB PRESIDENCY RATHER THAN THE OAS
POST. FOR THE LATTER THEY WOULD BE RUNNING WITH THE DIS-
ADVANTAGE THAT A COLOMBIAN HAD THE JOB IN THE FIFTIES

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AND SOME COUNTRIES THINK IT IS TOO EARLY FOR COLOMBIA TO

REPEAT. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN A POSSIBLE PASTRANA
(OR LLERAS) CANDIDACY AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR READING
ON WHAT THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT MAY BE THINKING ON THIS
QUESTION. MEANWHILE, WE SHOULD NOT COMMIT OURSELVES TO
PASTRANA IF INDEED COLOMBIA IS THINKING OF PUTTING HIM
UP, BUT NEITHER SHOULD WE DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD

DISCOURAGE HIS CANDIDACY.

3. N.B. - THE LAST THING ANY CANDIDATE SHOULD WANT IS
TO APPEAR TO BE QTE THE U.S. CANDIDATE UNQTE.
ACCORDINGLY, EXTREME CARE IS ADVISABLE IN HANDLING THIS
MATTER. KISSINGER

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